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Sir:

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- 1. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-74771, published March 17, 1995 with English Abstract.
- Japanese Patent Application No. 7-234849, published September 5, 1995 with English Abstract.
- Japanese Patent No. 2973373, published September 3, 1999 (corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 4-213942, published August 5, 1992 with English Abstract).
 One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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